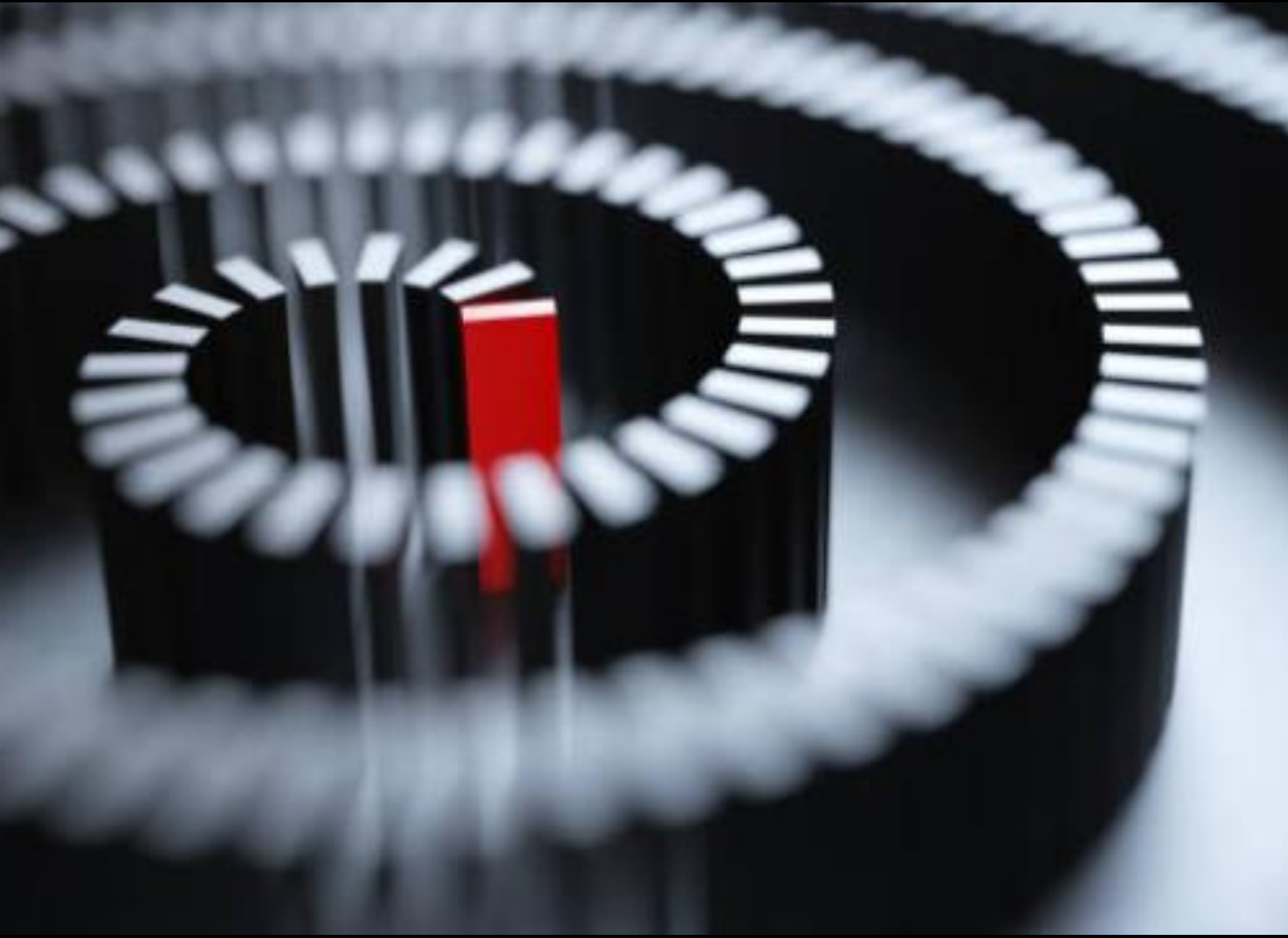


April 13

Jeremiah 19:1-15

**“God’s Wrath For
Idolatry & Rejection”**



¹ **Thus saith the LORD,**
Go and get a potter's
earthen bottle, and take of
the ancients of the people,
and of the ancients of the
priests; ² And go forth unto
the valley of the son of
Hinnom, which is by the
entry of the east gate, and
proclaim there the words
that I shall tell thee, ³ And
say, **Hear ye the word of
the LORD,** O kings of
Judah, and inhabitants of
Jerusalem; **Thus saith the
LORD of hosts, the God of
Israel;** Behold, I will bring

evil upon this place, the
which whosoever heareth,
his ears shall tingle.

⁴ **Because they have
forsaken me**, and have
estranged this place, and
have **burned incense** in it
unto other gods, whom
neither they nor their fathers
have known, nor the kings of
Judah, and have filled this
place with the blood of
innocents; ⁵ They have **built
also the high places of Baal**,
to **burn their sons** with fire
for burnt offerings **unto Baal**,
which I commanded not, nor

spake it, neither came it into
my mind: ⁶ Therefore,
behold, the days come, **saith**
the LORD, that this place
shall no more be called
Tophet, nor The valley of the
son of Hinnom, but The
valley of slaughter. ⁷ And I
will make void the counsel of
Judah and Jerusalem in this
place; and I will cause them
to fall by the sword before
their enemies, and by the
hands of them that seek their
lives: and their carcasses will
I give to be meat for the
fowls of the heaven, and for

the beasts of the earth. ⁸ And I will make this city desolate, and an hissing; every one that passeth thereby shall be astonished and hiss because of all the plagues thereof.

⁹ And I will cause them to eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters, and they shall eat every one the flesh of his friend in the siege and straitness, wherewith their enemies, and they that seek their lives, shall straiten them.

¹⁰ Then shalt thou break the bottle in the sight of the men

that go with thee, ¹¹ And shalt say unto them, **Thus saith the LORD of hosts;**

Even so will I break this people and this city, as one breaketh a potter's vessel, that cannot be made whole again: and they shall bury them in Tophet, till there be no place to bury.

¹² Thus will I do unto this place, **saith the LORD**, and to the inhabitants thereof, and even make this city as Tophet: ¹³ And the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses of the kings of Judah, shall

be defiled as the place of Tophet, because of all the houses upon whose roofs they have burned incense unto all the host of heaven, and have poured out drink offerings unto other gods.

¹⁴ Then came Jeremiah from Tophet, whither the LORD had sent him to prophesy; and he stood in the court of the LORD's house; and said to all the people, ¹⁵ **Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel;** Behold, I will bring upon this city and upon all her towns all the

evil that I have pronounced
against it, **because they
have hardened their
necks, that they might
not hear my words.**”

God was saying:

- —I am going to cause very bad things to happen to you and to this place.
 - —Advice will become useless.
- —I will cause you to die in front of your enemies.

- —Your dead bodies, including your sons and daughters, will be food for air and land animals.
- —You'll become cannibals because of the harshness.
- —The city will be empty and brutally mocked by others.
- —I will break the people and the city.
 - —Deaths will be so numerous that there won't

be any place for burials.

- —**I am** going to bring about all the evil I've determined for you and your city.

Why was there such gruesome and morbid proclamation? Could the very last sentence of this chapter, "...because they have hardened their necks, that they might

not hear my words”
provide insight?

Is this just about *them*,
then, and *there* or might,
at least some part of it,
be useful for *us*, *here*,
and *now*?

In today’s times, are there
some who so reject God’s
warnings and truth and
refuse to even *hear* what

“thus saith the LORD...”
that they may be at risk
of such judgments?

Is there a penalty or a
wrath to come for those
who practice idolatry
and reject God’s
guidance and warnings?